

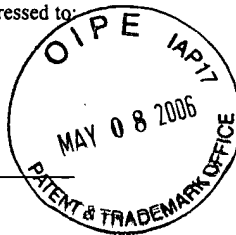
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

VANDER HORN and WANG

Application No.: 10/627,582

Filed: July 25, 2003

For: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS WITH  
POLYMERASE ACTIVITY

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3008

Examiner: Richard G. Hutson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006, please enter the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a petition with fee authorization for a one month extension of time.

In response to the restriction requirement regarding the Examiner's designated Groups I-III, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11 and 25-31, drawn to a hybrid polymerase.